

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Stiles; and Claims 5, 7, 12 and 14 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Stiles. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention as recited in Claim 1 is directed to a portable electronic apparatus including a holding unit protruding from the main body for holding the portable electronic apparatus and including a pointing device and switches configured to be operated by a same hand holding the holding unit so that the portable electronic apparatus is held and operated with one hand. Claim 8 includes similar features.

In a non-limiting example, Figures 1A-1B illustrate a holding unit 3 including a pointing device 10 and switches 11, 12 operated by a right hand H of an operator such that the operator can hold and operate the portable electronic apparatus with one hand.

The outstanding Office Action indicates Stiles teaches a pivotable track ball-type pointing devices that removably attaches to a computer. However, Applicant notes Stiles does not teach or suggest a feature in which the apparatus may be held and operated with one hand. Rather, the track ball-type pointing device must be used in addition to a keyboard to operate the apparatus. Therefore, the apparatus in Stiles cannot be held and operated by the same hand.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent Claims 1 and 8 and each of the claims depending therefrom patentably define over Stiles.

In addition, new dependent Claims 15 and 16 have been added to set forth the invention in a varying scope, and Applicant submits the new claims are supported by the

originally-filed specification. In particular, new Claims 15 and 16 recite that the portable electronic apparatus includes at least one of a portable computer, a portable word processor, and a portable electronic terminal apparatus. It is respectfully submitted Claims 15 and 16 are also allowable as they depend on Claims 1 and 8, respectively.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

--1. (Amended) A portable electronic apparatus, comprising:

a main body having a display unit on a surface thereof; and

a holding unit protruding from the main body for holding the portable electronic apparatus and including a pointing device and switches configured to be operated by a same hand holding the holding unit so that the portable electronic apparatus is held and operated with one hand.

8. (Amended) A portable electronic apparatus, comprising:

a main body having display means for displaying information on a surface thereof; and

holding means protruding from the main body for holding the portable electronic apparatus,

wherein said holding means includes pointing means for performing pointing operations and switching means for setting or canceling instructions given by said pointing means that are operated by a same hand holding the holding means so that the portable electronic apparatus is held and operated with one hand.

Claims 15-16 (New).--